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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - CONTRACT EVALUATION TEAM

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- 1. ON JULY 26 EMBASSY FIELD SUPPORT ADVISER MET WITH CHIEF PILOT KAUFFMAN AND RECON/VERIFICATION CHIEF ZAPATA TO WORK OUT LOGISTICS SUPPORT FOR CONTRACT EVALUATION TEAM. MEETING WAS FOLLOW-UP TO POLICY MEETING REPORTED PARA 3 (B) REFTEL.
- 2. IT WAS AGREED THAT U.S. PARTICIPANTS IN EVALUATION EXERCISE WOULD ASSEMBLE IN MEXICO CITY ON AUGUST ONE. AUGUST TWO WILL BE DEVOTED TO BRIEFINGS IN MEXICO CITY AND GROUP WILL DEPART EARLY MORNING AUGUST THREE FOR CULIACAN WHERE IT WILL RENDEVOUZ WITH GOM PARTICIPANTS.
- 3. GOM WILL HAVE IN CULIACAN, NT LATER THAN MORNING AUGUYM THREE, FOUR BELL 206 AND ONE BELL 215 HELICOPTERS FTF EXCLUSIVE USE OF TEAM, TOGETHER WITH FIVE PILOTS, FIVE SPOTTERS, AND ONKIRADIO OPERATOR WHO WILL FORM GOM PORTION OF TEAM. IN ADDITION, GOM WILL PROVIDE TWO DRIVERS FOR FUEL TANK TRUCK WHICH WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AVAILABLE FOR TEAM IN REMOTE AREAS. FJP AGENTS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL FOR SECURITY WILL BE OBTAINED FROM APPROPRIATE ZONES AS TEAM TRAVELS.

4. AFTER ASSEMBLING IN CULIACAN, TEAM WILL BEGIN WORK IN SUSPECTED POPPFRAREAS OF CHIHUAHUA, HIT OTHER SUSPECT AREAS ALONG EAST COAST DOWN TO CHIAPAS, THEN

CONCENTRATE ON TRADITIONAL POPPY AREAS IN GUERRERO WORKING NORTH THROUGH SINALOA TO TERMINATE IN SONORA. OPERATIONS OF TEAM WILL BE TOTALLY INDEPENDENT OF NORMAL OPERATIONS TO AVOID DISRUPTION OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SPRAY ACTIVITY.

5. ON JULY 17, AMBASSADOR WROTE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL SUGGESTING THAT U.S. PORTION OF TEAM BE AUGMENTED BY A DEA INTELLIGENCE ANALYST WHOSE PROPOSED DUTIES WOULD BE TO COMPILE AND EVALUATE DAILY REPORTS OF TEAM, DETERMINE IF DATA OBTAINED IS SUFFICIENT FOR MEANINGFUL EVALUATION, AND PREPARE DAILY REPORT FOR TRANSMISSION BY TELEX TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS NOT YET REPLIED, PROBABLY BECAUSE BOTH HIS DEPUTY (SAMUEL ALBA-LEYVA) AND HIS EXECUTIVE OFFICER (FERNANDO BAEZA) ARE IN LIMA ATTENDING DEA-SPONSORED CONFERENCE. LUCEY

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